

Robeson County Fish Tales

AS TOLD BY
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Hello Folks, How is everybody? Fine I hope. I am kinda puny myself. This here big fishing rodeo we are putting on at Edwards Sport shop has got me all hot and bothered. I can't get the time to do anything but sell the other fellow some plugs and stuff to catch the big ones.

Talk about big ones, they haven't all got away, this time. They get bigger and bigger every day. I thought last week when Franklin Prevatt brought his 6 3-4 bass in that he was a big one and he was a nice one. Then here come Colin Smith with one weighing almost the same thing and I think—well, they have got all the big ones. But no you don't.

Here comes Lonnie Britt with one weighing 7 1-4 lb. I says to Crowson, "That's the limit." But about that time Leo Waters walked in and took a good long look at Lonnie and up and says, "June, I'll bring mine in and see which one is the biggest." So he comes along with one that looked to be his dear brother. So I says, "Well, that will be all the big ones." But not yet. William Griffin came along with one weighing 9 1-4 lb. I shake my head and say, "Well, I'll be go-flammed!"

So along about then I got a call from our city police station and I says, says I, I haven't done anything. They says, yes, but we have Bill Shaw, one of our policemen, had a big crappie he wanted to weigh in on the rodeo. I says alright, bring him in. So he had a big one. It was a

1 3-4 pounder. Some crappie, I'll say. I knew Bill might catch a crook, but I never thought he would ever catch a fish. But he has the record on crappie so far. Good for good old Bill.

All this happened over the past weekend. Then after the police got into it I thought everything would get quiet, but no, you don't. This a m. Mr. Zimp Leggett came calking in a-dragging something. I says to him, what in the world have you got? He says, Look and see. I began to clear open the paper bag and there was the biggest big mouth bass I had ever laid my peepers on, but he only weighed 10 lbs. 12 1-2 ozs. Hats off to Mr. Zimp. He had the rag so far.

While all this was going on, P. S. (Pat) Kornegay and D. E. McNeill, they up and go to the beach. They are both old salties anyway, you know. Pat, he always came over to tell me how many they caught, but not this time. I kept waiting for him to come over, but no, he never came. So I go over to his house and he had about one half bushel of toad fish, better known to some Lumbertonians as June mullets, cause I myself happened to catch a few of them a long time ago. Don't know just what kind of fish they are, but anyone desiring any information about them, just ask Pop Treadway about them (and ask him how he found out.) He can tell you all you want to know. Guess I better not tell you any tall stories this week, but I'll be seeing you. So long and good luck.

Check Seed Plates Now, Farmers Urged

"Don't wait until planting day to obtain the proper seed plates for your corn planter—do it now!" urges Dr. R. P. Moore, director in charge of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at State College.

Corn hybrids, Dr. Moore explains are sold by grades which may require special seed plates. Since good stands are needed to make high yields, attention must be given to the selection of the proper size plates.

Many farmers rework the cells of either old or new plates in order to get an accurate seed drop. The important point is to make sure that the largest kernels of corn can be planted without difficulty. If this is done, the smaller kernels will cause no trouble, especially in well-graded lots of corn.

Most manufacturers of corn planters are willing to help farmers select the proper plates, says Dr. Moore. However, he adds, farmers must be willing to help themselves. They must realize that luck is neither a good farming partner nor a substitute for the proper plates.

Flying Artillery

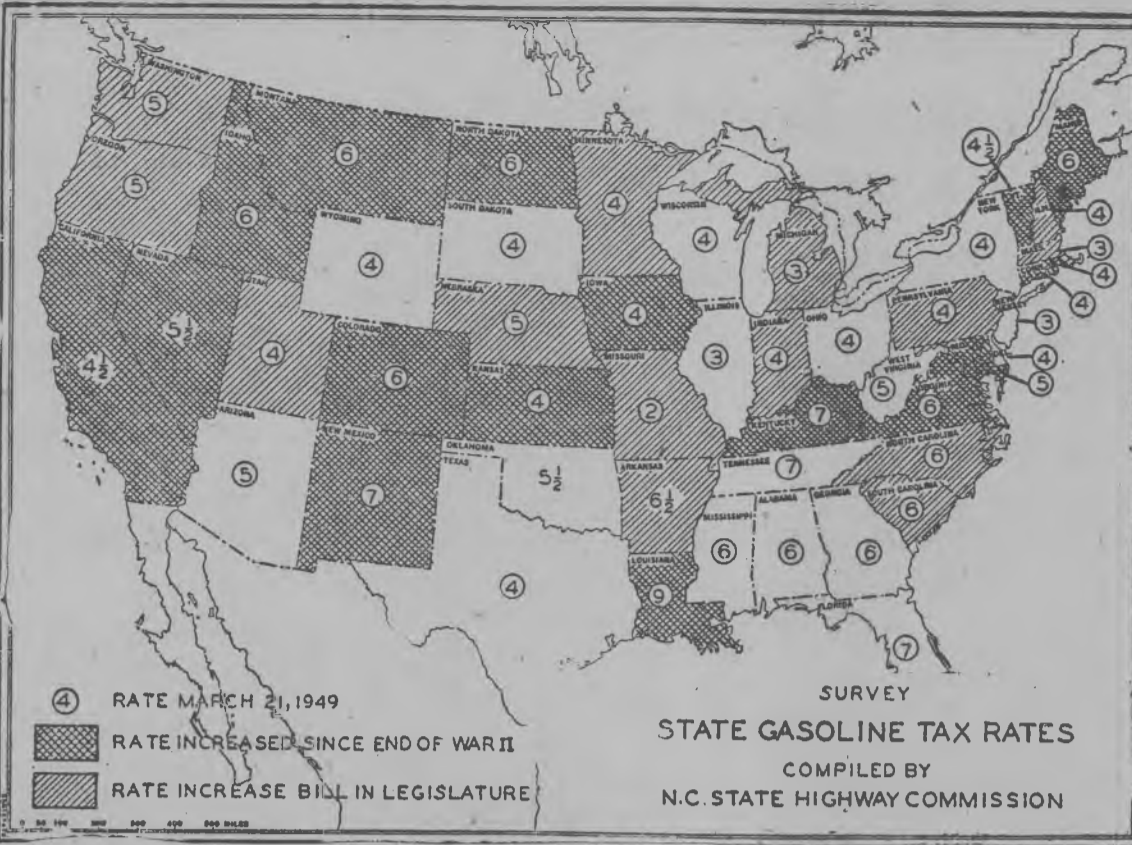
By CPL. L. A. MORRISON
"Flying Artillerymen" of the U. S. Army have to be good. More and more dependence is being placed in them for they are the eyes through which the artillery aims its weapons and sees its results. They are important members of the team that is helping the Artillery reach its objective—100 per cent accuracy.

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GAS TAX IN THE USA



Since this map was printed, the gas tax in three States—Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Washington—has been ordered increased by one-cent, two cents and one and one-half cents respectively.

RALEIGH — Twenty-two states in the nation have increased their gasoline tax by from one to two cents per gallon since World War II, Dr. Henry W. Jordan, State Highway Commission chairman, said today.

At least 17 other States, now holding legislative sessions, are considering similar increases. These figures were compiled by

the State Highway commission in connection with a survey which reveals that the cost of building and maintaining roads in North Carolina increased more than 100 per cent between 1940 and 1940. The highway chairman cited these figures to show why the Commission needs the revenue from an additional one-cent tax on gasoline to maintain its pre-war level of operations.

"The State's six-cent per gallon tax on gasoline yields about 70 to 75 per cent of the State Highway Commission's income," Dr. Jordan noted. "North Carolina has not increased this tax since 1931, while 19 states have jumped their tax by one or two cents per gallon since the end of World War II. Obviously unless the North

Carolina Legislature sees fit to give the Commission the one-cent increase requested, we will be unable to operate even at the pre-war, pre-defense level of 1940. Within the last week the Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Kansas and Washington have authorized jumps in their gasoline tax of one cent, two cents, and one and one-

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